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Quotation	Pg #	My reaction
<p>1</p> <p>And how do you think they'll take the news? Well, they'll be pretty irritated about it, I said."</p>	9	<p>I literally could image how Holden's parents would be very irritated as they hear the bad news about their son got kicked out of school. He seems a black sheep of this family. Because his big brother and Allie were good kids and his sister. This quote reminds me of the time when my brother was kicked out of the dorm because of breaking the rules. My mother was so irritated because of the bad news. I literally believe that all parents in the world would feel the same way as Holden's mother'd do. Anything that had happened to Allie reminds me of my notable days in life. (108)</p>
<p>1</p> <p>Then I started reading this terrible timetable. I had in my packet. Just to stop lying."</p>	58	<p>This is really awkward and hard to understand why Holden likes to keep lying though he knows it is not good at all. I sometimes don't understand what he is lying for. But this time, I literally understand why he lied to this old lady. Lying may be the best way to problems sometimes, indeed. It is fun to be lying about yourself to strangers and also fun to use somebody else's name and they'd easily believe in what you say. I remember the times when I lied about my name and my age. Holden seems funny and interesting even though he lies a lot. (105)</p>
<p>7</p> <p>"I thought probably I'd get Pneumonia and die. I stated picturing millions of jerks coming to my funeral and all.</p>	154	<p>According to this passage, I can assume that Holden is really ill mentally when he starts picturing about his death. He picks on Lukemia instead of choosing or thinking of other diseases. The death of Allie affected him. It is really difficult to ease this sort of pain. When one of my best friends died on the spot by a car accident I was crying for 2 months and couldn't do anything such as school works. I was really depressed and moaning everyday. His death caused so many pains. I got really low grades and finally wanted to give up on my life. This passage reminds me of my past life and of people how could they get insane and mentally ill due to the death of their beloved one. (130)</p>

<p>6</p> <p>"I'd just be the catcher in the rye and all. I know it's crazy, but that the only thing I'd be really like to be."</p>	<p>173</p>	<p>We can't judge people by looking at their characters or their outside appearance because they have their own secret goal. This quote shows that Holden had a huge destination even though he didn't care about his school and his education. I really like and I'm impressed when he stated that he'd just want to be a catcher in the rye symbolically. He wants to save kids life and protect them from dangers. That is really precious goal and everybody should feel this way. He seems crazy and insane but Allie's death caused this mental problems. To see things in perspective, Allie's death gave him a valuable destination though it's melancholy on the other hand. I honestly appreciate his goal because I want to be the one who'd protect or save kids from terrible dangers. (134)</p>
<p>5</p> <p>"Just because somebody's dead, you just don't stop liking them, for God's sake- especially if they were about a thousand times nicer than the people you know that're alive and all."</p>	<p>171</p>	<p>I'm really impressed through Holden's prudent response to his sister Pheobe when she stated dead people don't count to choosing Holden's likeness of people. Holden seems immature sometimes but he always has a very good response to questions or argument. It also reminds me of alos one of my best friends who died of cancer. Even though she is no longer here with me I always remember and love her till now. And I also assume that Allie was part of Holden according to his response to Pheobe. Holden seems unfriendly or not liking people a lot but when he lists all the people that he likes, he is really enjoying being with those people such the two nuns and Allie's. (121)</p>
<p>1</p> <p>"All they did with the guys that were in the room with him was expell them. They didn't even go to jail."</p>	<p>170</p>	<p>People might not agree with Holden left the school and hated it. But he gives so many good reasons why his school is lame and lousy. One of the reason is the Principal doesn't like to have a conversation with student parents who wear an unmatch clothes such as white coat and red shoes. And also when he talked about the guys, who caused about the death of James Castles, were not sent to jail though they did a guilty. They did a huge mistake that could never erase from their life. If I was there by chance, I would have left the school earlier than Holden had. (108)</p>

1 "I have about a hundred and eighty bucks in the bank. I could get a job somewhere and we could live. We could get married or something."	132	I am really freakd out and I can't believe that Holden is that childish when he talks about the money he has left in the bank which he thinks would be enough to marry Sally. For this point, I do agree with people who criticized Holden of being so childish and act immature with his age. In reality, that would not be ever easy to marry someone and take all the responsibilities without a good degree or a good job. This passage reveals how childish Holden is. To me, he is so immature than I am. And also this passage shows that Holden changes his mind easily and he is flirting with girls. (113)
1 The man falling isn't permitted to feel or hear himself hit bottom. He just keeps falling and falling. The whole arrangement's designed for men who, at some time or other in their lives, were looking for something their own environment couldn't supply them with. Or they thought their own environment couldn't supply them with. So they gave up looking.	187	Mr. Antolini's lecture is really valuable for Holden if he could understand what he is trying to say. I like to give my cousins lecture or advices and now I feel like I am in the place of Mr. Antolini. I used to lecture my cousins and my brother what they should do and not to follow what their mind desires to. They always argue with me due to my lecture. It's hard to change someone's personality but to change them easily is to completely understand their feeling and situation. Holden was convinced by Mr. Antolini because he placed himself in Holden's shoes and understands how he feels about his terrible life. (112)
1 "Then all of a sudden, I started to cry. I couldn't help it. I did it so nobody could hear me, but I did it."	179	I can feel the pain Holden feeling when he was about to leave Pheobe and the house. This quote really makes me feel pathetic and 14 Holden seems a tough guy but he finally cried out. This passage reminds me of the time when I visited my grandma and relatives in the village, I could not control myself from crying when I said goodbye to them. I tried not to cry but I did cry. The more I tried to stop it, the louder the crying was. I'm so wondering that I have lots of commons with Holden. (97)

<p>2</p> <p>"I slept in the garage the night he died, and I broke all the goddam windows with my fist, just for the hell of it. I even tried to break all the windows on the station wagon we had that summer, but my hand was already broken and everything by that time, and I couldn't do it."</p>	39	<p>When you lost someone you really admire and love you go insane and give up on everything. If I were Holden at this point, I would go crazy through the death of someone I very much love. Even in my life, I lost the ones I loved who were my grandpa and cousin. They passed away at the same time. My heart was filled with melancholy and moans. I couldn't sleep, eat or have a conversation with others. I could picture his sadness and understand completely why he acted so insane. The death of Allie gave him so much pain. (100)</p>
<p>9</p> <p>"Life is a game, boy. Life is a game that one plays according to the rules."</p>	8	<p>13</p> <p>Life is a game. If you play well in a game you will obtain so many points and exhilaration. We need to handle our lives by following the things we should get done in lives. Even when we play a game we need to follow the rules, by not following the rules we could be kicked out of the game. In life, we need to follow the rules and regulations of life lessons. For instance, in soccer or in reality, players need to obey the rules; however, for not obeying the rules, life or game could be ruined by the ones who play it. This is a really good comparison. (110)</p>
<p>3</p> <p>I kept wanting to kill whoever'd written it. I kept picturing myself catching him at it, and how I'd smash his head on the stone steps till he was good and goddam dead and bloody.</p>	201	<p>11</p> <p>I believe that Holden wanted to be not a catcher in the rye but a catcher who would catch the people who did something stupid behind people. He wanted to kill the people who wrote on the wall because his sister went to that school and he wanted to protect her and her school. Really admire his personality in this passage. I don't think he would care much about the letter on the wall unless her sister goes to that school. Anyways, this quote reveals how he wanted to protect or be a catcher in the rye. (98)</p>

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<p>"You know those ducks in that lagoon right near Central Park South? That little lake? By any chance, do you happen to know where they go, the ducks, when it gets all frozen over?"</p>	<p>60</p>	<p>This quote clarifies Holden's love for his brother Allie. In winter when it freezes the ducks have no place to stay and he wanted to know that where his brother's soul would go after he's dead. Those ducks are sinless and they should get a place to stay when it gets so cold. This makes me realized the time when one of my best friends got a car accident and I wanted to know where his soul would go after his death because he believed in Buddah not in God. (90)</p>
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